1. Colonist didn’t want any one person to have too much power
2. There was a separation of powers
3. The three branches of government

Constitution Legislative: congress: house-of-representatives, senate: makes

laws and establishes taxes

Executive: president, vice-president: makes sure laws are

carried out and commands the armed forces

Judicial: supreme-court: interprets, or decides, what laws mean

decides if laws follow the constitution

4. Judicial can overturn presidents actions if it finds them to be against the constitution, and can overturn laws if it finds they are against the constitution.

5. Executive appoints supreme-court justices and other federal judges, can veto laws.

6. Legislative can override president’s veto, and refuse to appoint president’s candidates





